H. Res. 260, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1735) was agreed to yesterday, May 14th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, May 18th for Morning Hour debate.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representatives Franks (AZ), Pittenger, and Hultgren.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representatives Aderholt, Pitts, Hultgren, and Burgess.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3230, H3230–31, H3231–32, H3232, H3232–33, H3234–35, and H3235. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATE OF NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled "Update on the Current State of Nuclear Waste Management Policy". Testimony was heard from Andrew Fitz, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, State of Washington; Josephine Piccone, Director, Yucca Mountain Directorate, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

FCC REAUTHORIZATION: IMPROVING COMMISSION TRANSPARENCY PART II

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "FCC Reauthorization: Improving Commission Transparency Part II". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held

a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies". Testimony was heard from William J. Baer, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE VA STAFFING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 271, the "COVER Act"; H.R. 627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1575, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces; H.R. 1769, the "Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015"; and H.R. 2256, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and a hearing entitled "Overcoming Barriers to More Efficient and Effective VA Staffing". The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 271, H.R. 627, H.R. 1575, H.R. 1769, and H.R. 2256. Testimony was heard from Thomas Lynch, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1806, the "America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015"; H.R. 2250, the "Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016"; and H.R. 2353, the "Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015", 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.